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Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen's Association
48150 Pelican Chehischic Road
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Dear Charles Poole:

Re: Implementation Policy for Part E of Order Establishing Land Use Objectives for Agriculture Development Areas and Settlement Reserve Areas.

Please find attached the required conditions and process where a deviation from the above Order may be accepted allowing for harvest within an Agriculture Development Area located in the Vanderhoof District.

These lands have been designated for agriculture use however, where written agreements can be reached with the Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen Association and accepted by District Manager, harvesting tenure may be issued in these areas.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact John DeGagne, R.P.F., Stewardship Officer or Cathy Middleton, R.P.F. Resource Officer, at this office

Yours truly,

Lori Borth

Designated District Manager
Vanderhoof/Fort St. James Districts

Attachment: Part E Implementation

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Implementation Policy - Part E: Order Establishing Land Use Objectives for Agricultural Development Areas

This policy is developed in accordance with the *Order Establishing Land Use Objectives for Agricultural Development Areas and Settlement Reserve Areas*, November 21, 2006.

This policy pertains to the application of the Order Establishing Objectives for the Agriculture Development Areas (ADA) within the Vanderhoof Forest District. It is intended to provide guidance for the implementation of Part E of this Order: Deviations from Parts A, B, C and D where deviations may include limited and conditional salvage and/or harvest opportunities as determined by Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO).

Notwithstanding Part C of the Order, all development plans related to harvesting and road construction that may be proposed by replaceable and non replaceable forest licence holders within ADA's and any subsequent harvest/road permit applications are subject to the following:

1. Written Agreement

- Prior to application for harvesting, a written agreement must be obtained with the Nechako Valley Regional Cattlemen Association (NVRCA).
- The agreement must be signed by the president of the NVRCA or delegated authority.

2. Referral Process

- Map and text information indicating the specific proposed harvest/road areas will be provided to the NVRCA in such a manner to allow adequate time for review activities and input.
- The upfront referral information will also be provided to the MFLNRO (both Forests and Crown Lands contacts).
- Results of the NVRCA referral and agreements for the specific ADA harvest proposal will be provided in writing to MFLNRO.
- Once the deviation from the order has been determined acceptable by designated decision maker (DDM), the operational planning processes (ie: FN Information Sharing, confirming areas within Forest Development Units, stocking standard amendment if required etc) will be undertaken.

3. Planning

- Road building and harvest activities should occur within a shortened time frame with consideration for a one year cutting permit term.
- Winter harvest is preferable to minimize the use of gravel for road stabilization and ditching on arable areas. Gravel and ditching may be used on non-arable areas where they are identified on available arability maps.
- Deactivation will be as agreed upon with NVRCA representative and notification should be provided to MFLNR tenures staff for appropriate exemption where necessary.
- Harvest maps will be provided to NVRCA upon completion.
- No activities related to site preparation and artificial regeneration will be undertaken.



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4. Operational Site Conditions in addition to those provided in Part C of the Order

- Harvest areas must have 70% or greater lodgepole pine within the net merchantable cruise volume and 70% will be dead damaged timber.
- Average stump heights will be greater than 20 cm.
- Cut blocks will be laid out to minimize blowdown and not reserve any islands of mature coniferous timber.

Please note that any and all costs associated with the pre-harvest activities or work completed with respect to the above is conducted at the licensees' own initiative, cost and risk.

"Lori Borth"

Lori Borth
Designated District Manager
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Jan. 21, 2013

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